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Dear Joshua;

Latest news:

- (1) attended bacterial metabolism conference at OR - nothing of interest (genetics mentioned once)
- (2) scuttlebutt from phage group at OR says Hershey and TF Anderson have:
 - (a) electron microscope pictures of phage injecting innards thru tail into bacterium
 - (b) most, if not all protein, is left outside bacterium when phage infects; that is, only nucleic acid injected
- (3) The chances of my getting a PHS fellowship are, estimating by operations analysis (to wit - good guess) one in 10 to 1 in 20.
- (4) Is there a possibility of getting funds from the Markle Foundation? I know of no advertised fellowships but Deacon says Luria was here on a Markle circa 1941.
- (5) The SAB proceedings list:
 - (a) transduction abstract
 - (b) Werner Braun measuring rates of recomb in coli in vitro and in vivo - he wrote for a reprint I note by my file. If worst comes to worst I might approach him for a job and try to pull the same trick as the OR boys (namely, work on what you wish to but give lip service to the contract job).
- (6) It looks as if I'll take the phage course this summer - saw Gus Doermann at OR who's giving it.

Regards,



Been roped into giving the viruses part of the course labelled Serology Antibiotics and Viruses - seems the virus stuff had never been done before - all this while McVeigh takes off for Boston.